

GAYNOR SILENT ON "WHY A BOARD OF ALDERMEN?"

John Purroy Mitchel Wonders What Useful Purpose It Serves.

"Why a Board of Aldermen?" Mayor Gaynor was asked to answer the question but the Mayor was not prepared or too busy or both. He let the question go by the board.

John Purroy Mitchel, President of the Board, said he had often wondered at the law which brought the body into being or what useful purpose the Aldermen perform in the present form of government.

"I believe, however," said President Mitchel, "that some form of ancient legislation brought the Aldermen into power and they have clung tenaciously to the job ever since."

"That's a funny question," said Alderman Frank L. Dowling, leader of the Democratic majority. "The Board of Aldermen is representative of the people—of all the people—and we have been the legislative branch of the city government from the time of its formation. The board does good, substantial work. The latest was the cutting of \$500,000 from an extravagant budget filled with fat and families. True, the Mayor has said some harsh things about us, but we are not all in the same boat. DOWLING FINDS REASONS THAT SUIT HIM.

"The fact is, the board is here by reason of the State Constitution and the old Dutch charter and in the board is reposed the title of the streets and public places of the city of New York. Now then, why ask, 'Why the Board of Aldermen?'"

"Members of our board are hustlers for the people in addition to being city legislators. We get the poor fellow out of hook; help the poor woman and her kids; pay the rent for the needy as well as the court fine of the careless, and grab as many jobs for our worthy constituents as possible. I suppose there may not be good reasons for our existence to some people, but the fact remains that we are a chartered body and therefore cannot be disposed of at whim or even suggestion. We are part of the Government and a very substantial part of it at that."

SWINDLERS GOT \$10,000 FOR A TAMMANY HOME THAT DOESN'T EXIST

Name of Democratic Society Used to Win Contributions From Democrats.

Philip Donohue of Tammany Hall asked the police today to arrest two impostors who have been collecting money for a fictitious "Home for City Employees" and have used the name of the Tammany Society to expedite collections.

Mr. Donohue carried to Police Headquarters a letter from Mr. Arthur Seligman, who, after contributing a check for \$25, became suspicious and wrote to the Tammany Society, giving this version of the visit of the two collectors.

"On Nov. 14, two gentlemen came to me, explaining that they were affiliated with Tammany Hall, the one representing himself as Mr. Collins, a member or former member of the Legislature, and the other showing a shield of a building inspector. They collected subscriptions to a Home for City Employees and I gave them a check made out to the order of Mr. R. C. Fleming, treasurer, for \$25."

"I afterward became suspicious of the matter and decided to submit same to you, as you would undoubtedly be in position to ascertain whether these gentlemen have been telling the truth, or whether they were simply swindlers. I am the endorsement thereon, which may help you. Being a Democrat and supporter of the city organization I, of course, only want to contribute to the proper people."

It is said the two men have collected upward of \$10,000 in the last few months.

FURNITURE and CLOTHING on CREDIT

\$100 Worth \$1 Down \$1.00 Weekly
\$140 " \$3 " \$1.50 "
\$190 " \$5 " \$2.00 "
\$240 " \$10 " \$2.50 "

Goods Delivered in Unmarked Warehouses.

FURNISH YOUR HOME WEEKLY CLOTHES YOUR FAMILY

Ladies' and Men's Suits
Costs and Overcosts from \$12.00 to \$40.00. ANY purchase up to \$25.00
\$1.00 Down \$1.00 Weekly

Michael Bros
345 E. 9th St.
CASH CREDIT
Open Evenings Until Christmas.

GIMBELS—The Gift-Seekers' El Dorado—Effulgent with the Christmas Spirit

This vast, roomy, convenient, safe, superbly equipped store was designed to splendidly meet the demands of the year's busiest days. The vast throngs pour through our doors, but, so intelligently planned are the store arrangements, that there is far less crowding than in many stores where a half, a third, or even a quarter as many people are served.

Come to GIMBELS to Solve Your Christmas Problems—

1. Because of the Magnificent Stocks of Conveniently Displayed Giveable Merchandise.
2. Because of the Vast Stretches of Brilliantly Lighted, Commodious Aisles.
3. Because of the Courteous, Intelligent, Helpful Service that Our People Render.
4. Because Prices Are Always the Most Moderate, Quality Considered.
5. Because Our Exclusively Motor Delivery Insures Safe Home-coming for the Goods Bought.
6. Because Every Transaction Must Be Entirely Satisfactory to You Before We Consider the Goods Sold.

But DON'T DELAY NOW. Come TOMORROW—and come EARLY IN THE DAY. THE Morning Hours are GOLDEN.

Men's Neckties 65c

100% Dollar Quality

No mistaking the dollariness of these Neckties. All-silk, in a fine ribbed weave that will tie into a rich, full knot.

A dozen shades—every one of them a favorite. Cut in a full, flowing four-in-hand shape that we have never, as a matter of fact, even had before in Neckties to sell at a dollar.

But these are 65c each!

If a man is wise, he'll buy a good supply for himself. If he's generous, he'll pass some on for Christmas.

Boxed, of course, if you wish them. Main Floor

Warm Sweaters for Men

Climb into one yourself, if you're going to play golf or go motorizing these cold days. Or, pick one out from this fine collection for a man friend who likes to be out-of-doors in Winter.

Shaker Knit Sweaters, in maroon, gray and white, with collar, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

Cost Sweaters, with collar, Shaker knit, \$5.75.

Medium-weight Sweaters, with collar, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Cost Sweaters, in gray, cardinal and white, some Shaker Knit, \$3 to \$6.50.

Sweaters of soft Scotch wool, with collar, in light gray, \$7 and \$8. Cost Sweaters in greenish gray, \$12. Sporting Goods Section, Fourth Floor

We Have the "Gillette" Razors

Advertised so prominently in the Evening World yesterday and today, in a full assortment of styles. They make a fine gift for the man who always shaves himself, and who will like being able to do it better and more quickly; and for the man who has always spent time and money daily getting shaved at the barber's and who will find that with a Gillette he can do it just as well himself. \$5 to \$20. Cutlery Section, Main Floor

The Man Who Smokes

—And how his tribe increases!—will thank you very kindly for some one of the many

Smokers' Articles that we have gathered for his special benefit. They have various merits to commend them—novelty, usefulness, decorativeness; for library table, den or pocket.

Among them are many styles of Smokers' Sets, imported, in glass and silver plate, in various combinations, for holding cigars and cigarettes, ashes and matches, at \$2 to \$55.

We illustrate a handsome style, with automatic cigar-lighter, \$25.

Then there are all kinds of Smokers' Stands, which bring all the paraphernalia for a smoke right to your elbow, as you sit in your easy chair. The style illustrated is \$2, and there are others up to \$10.

Then here are other suggestions from this very complete assortment of gifts for smokers:

Cigarette Cases, of leather and silver, 50c to \$18.50.

Trays, 50c to \$5. Tables, \$3 to \$10.

Humidors, \$2.50 to \$100.

Pipes, singly or in sets, 25c to \$40.

Cigarette Boxes, \$2.50 to \$10.

Smoke Consumers, \$5.

Automatic Cigar-Lighters, \$1 to \$25.

Tobacco Jars, \$1 to \$13.50.

Turkish Water Pipes, \$2.50 to \$18.

Main Floor

Warm Leggings for Little Legs

Leggings to match practically every sort of Winter coat that a little tot can wear can be found in this fine stock.

Among them are Tan Ooze Leggings at \$3; Black or Tan Leather at \$2.50; Blue or Gray Chinilla, at \$2; White Bearskin, White Cord or Brown Jersey, at \$1.25, \$1 and 75c. Pant-Leggings, are \$1.50 to \$3, according to size and style.

Second Floor

Desirable Gifts in This Fascinating Christmas Display of Leather Goods

Probably its most delightful characteristic is the wide variety of gift-suggestions it holds for so many different people and tastes. Here is a random list, which serves to illustrate the splendid scope of this Christmas collection:

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| Men's Brush Sets (two flat Brushes in sole leather case) | \$2.00 | Photograph Frames, colored morocco and crasse leatherette, | \$1.00 |
| Cigarette Cases, morocco and seal, Envelope Purses, pin seal, 2-piece fitting, | \$1.50 | Waste-Paper Baskets, wicker with colored leather rims, | \$3.75 |
| Brass Smoking Stands, with removable glass tray, | \$5.00 | Sewing Baskets, wicker and leather, fitted tops, | \$5.00 |
| Humidors, Mission or dull mahogany, porcelain-lined, | \$2.00 | Bottle Sets, 4 bottles in morocco case, Attached Writing Cases (fitted), crasse in green, snap lock, | \$3.00 |
| Smokers' Sets, nickel and glass, glass tray, | \$5.00 | Fitted Toilet Cases (for women), celluloid fittings, | \$13.50 |
| Thermos Bottles, | \$12.00 | Folding Traveling Clocks, colored morocco leathers, readable dial, | \$10.00 |
| Traveling Bags, sole leather sewed in frame, leather-lined, | \$2.50 | Wicker Lunch Baskets for motorizing, fitted for four persons, | \$5.00 |
| Suit Cases, cowhide, short outside straps, | \$7.50 | Traveling Slippers, soft leather in cases, Collar Bags, pigskin, | \$22.50 |
| Manicure Sets, in leather cases, good quality steel and bone handles, Bead Bags, floral designs on white background, | \$5.00 | Shirt Cases, morocco, hold 4 to 6 shirts, Travelers' Pillows, soft morocco, removable cover, at \$5.00 | \$2.00 |
| Fitted Bags for Men, black walrus, with two military brushes, 18-inch size, Meerschaum Pipes, imported, in cases, Jewel Boxes, English morocco, with removable trays, | \$6.50 | Vachette Leather Handbags, nickel or silver trimmed | \$10.00 |
| Children's Bags, red, blue and green, | \$3.00 | | \$1.00 |
- Main Floor

Ready--The Gimbel CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Superintendents of Sunday Schools, committees and others planning Christmas festivals will be glad to know that the Gimbel Christmas Candies are ready. The mixtures are better and more delicious than ever.

Prices 12c, 15c, 18c and 25c lb. With each purchase of twenty-five pounds, or over, we include two half-pound candy boxes free—in a variety of Christmas designs.

Not a bit too early to leave your order now for later delivery. Write, telephone or visit our Special Candy Order Bureau. (Telephone extension 64). Subway Store, Balcony

Pretty Trinkets in Silver And Rhinestones—Inexpensive

Our Paris Jewelry Section is rich in them—some cost less than ever just now, too.

Hatpins, of sterling silver, pierced, are 25c, instead of 50c. Others, hand-cut, in ball or pear shapes, 25c, usually 75c. In acorn, golf stick, ball and other designs, 25c, to \$2.75.

Powder Boxes, of sterling silver, with puff; special at 55c each.

Sterling Silver Bouquet or Corsage Holders, engraved, are specially priced at 50c. Others, plain polished, engraved or engine-turned, \$1 to \$2.

Cigarette Cases, of English silver, for a double row of cigarettes, hip pocket or full dress size, at \$2, usually \$3.50.

Real Coral Necklaces, in pale pink or darker shades, \$1.25 each, usually \$2.

Main Floor

Exquisite Conceits of Hand-Embroidery and Real Laces—These Paris Neckfixings

"I always thought that I could not get Collars and Jabots anywhere except in Paris—because there I was sure of being able to select from those that were so different—they always seemed as though they were made just for me. But, do you know, I have changed my mind, for I have discovered that I can get just such exquisite Neckfixings at GIMBELS, and I have more to select from, than in any of the little shops of Paris."

This comment was made by a woman who came at her friend's suggestion, and who after visiting our Neckfixings Section, quite agreed with her.

The Plastron is newest creation from Paris! It looks like a double bib of hand-embroidered linen, edged with Valenciennes lace. \$12.95.

Hand-embroidered Collars with Jabots, \$1.50 to \$5.50.

Various styles hand-embroidered Collars with rills or revers, \$5.95 to \$25.25.

Point Venice Lace Collars, \$18 to \$25.

Bohemian Lace Collars, \$2.25 to \$15.

As we always have many requests for Turnover Collars and Narrow Cuffs of Carrickmacross lace—to give a dear old lady—we have imported quite a collection at \$1.25 to \$4.50 a set.

Other Carrickmacross Collars, \$3 to \$25.

Main Floor

More of Our Own Importations Of Fine TABLE LINENS

Well timed—these new arrivals from Scotland—to assure many a woman who is proud of her home of receiving beautiful damasks for her table. They are part of the wonderful Christmas stocks in the Gimbel Linen Store. We bought them last Summer, and to duplicate them elsewhere in quality—(patterns are mostly exclusive) you would pay from 15 to 20 per cent. more.

Pattern Tablecloths and Damasks, for practical everyday use, from 22 yards, at \$3.50 to \$23 1/2 yards, at \$5.25; with 22 and 25-inch Napkins to match, at \$2.50 and \$4.50 a dozen.

A finer grade, from the same Scotch maker, in seven beautiful circular designs, from 22 yards, at \$4, to 21 1/2 yards, at \$13.50; and with matching Napkins, at \$4.75 and \$6.25 a dozen.

Another special purchase is of hemmed Napkins of Scotch or Irish damask, 24-in., at \$3.75 dozen, neatly boxed.

There is a fine showing of the favorite Hemstitched and Sealed Sets, mostly circular. For instance:

Hemstitched Sets, of Scotch damask, in about 50 designs, consisting of one table cloth and a dozen napkins, at \$5.50 to \$27 set.

Round Sealed Cloths, in about thirty circular patterns, are \$2.50 to \$12.50 each, with Napkins to match, at \$7 to \$15 dozen.

Round Sealed Tablecloths, 69 inches in diameter, are specially priced at \$3 each.

Another important offering is of Round Sealed Cloths, 72-in. in several designs, with six 22-in. Napkins to match, in a neat box, for \$7.

And we might give many other examples—but these must suffice.

Second Floor

Popular Sheet Music at 9c

You play these tunes, you whistle them, you dance to them—or you hear or see other people doing it. And these are some of the pieces they like best nowadays:

- When the Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabama.
Oh What a Beautiful Dream!
Row-Row-Row, Hittin' Koo.
I'll Be Welcome in My Home Town.
I'm Saving My Kisses for Some One.
Take Me to that Swane Shore.
Syncopeated Boogie-Boo.
Ragtime Roller Man.
Somebody Else Is Getting It.
I'll Sit Right On the Moon and Keep My Eyes on You.
You're My Baby.
You Come and Stroll with Me.
On the Mississippi.
That's How I Feel About You.
Tell Me That You Love Me.
Keep Away from the Fellow That Owns an Automobile.
Till the Bands of the Desert Grow Cold.
Ragtime Melodine.
Come Back to Me My Melody.
Ghost of the Virgin.
Swanee Rose.
Take Me to the Cabaret.
The Fair the Tulla Tulla.
He My Little Humble Bee.
My Little Lovin' Sugar Cane.
Ninth Floor and Subway Store

The Gimbel Christmas Subway Store

Your 'Three Dollars' May Well Feel Proud When It Comes to Buy Bath Robes Like These

These fine robes at \$3 are made from very good quality blankets, each finished and workmanship as one would expect to find in robes at twice this price. In the assortment of colors the requirements of most men may be suited; full ranging.

Terry Cloth Bath Robes, \$2.75

A very good quality cloth, made with care as to finish and detail; were formerly \$3.50; all sizes.

Pajamas, 85c

These are very remarkable Pajamas. One would not expect such quality and quality at this price. They are made of a nice grade of domestic cotton in a variety of new patterns, and should be selling for at least \$1.25.

Men's Suspenders & Garter Sets, 50c

This is a combination set, consisting of a good pair of strong, durable suspenders, all elastic webbing, and a pair of fine quality pad garters to match; in a nice box.

Men's Necktie and Hose Sets, 50c

This is another very suitable gift, silk four-in-hand scarf and a pair of hose to match. Every man's combination is perfect.

Subway Store, Balcony

\$3

Women's Handkerchiefs

Hand-embroidered Initials

Handkerchiefs, each with color and initial, for 50c.

Sheer, fine Shamoo, Lawn

Handkerchiefs, some with all-around embroidery, others crossbar and lace edge; each 15c.

Handkerchiefs of Venice lace, in a dainty ribbon box; each, 25c.

Princess Lace Handkerchiefs, all hand-made, each in a handsome folder, at 50c, 75c and \$1.

24 Corner Ribbon Handkerchiefs, 3 handkerchiefs, patterns, one corner embroidered; each in gift boxes, at \$1.

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